

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 10/840,215  
Applicant: Robert Slais, Johnny Blankenship & Chhotubhai Patel  
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Title: Dual-Plane Seal for Fluid-Tight Conduit Connection  
  
TC/A.U.: 3679  
Examiner: Aaron M. Dunwoody  
  
Docket No.: FTP163R US

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**Reply to Office Action and Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2009, Paper No. 20090818, in the above-subject application, the undersigned offers the following remarks:

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